
HOUSE BILL 2492

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the dollar limit of pull-tabs; and
2 amending RCW 9.46.110.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.110 and 1999 c 221 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The legislative authority of any county, city-county, city,
7 or town, by local law and ordinance, and in accordance with the
8 provisions of this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter, may
9 provide for the taxing of any gambling activity authorized by this
10 chapter within its jurisdiction, the tax receipts to go to the
11 county, city-county, city, or town so taxing the activity. Any such
12 tax imposed by a county alone shall not apply to any gambling
13 activity within a city or town located in the county but the tax rate
14 established by a county, if any, shall constitute the tax rate
15 throughout the unincorporated areas of such county.

16 (2) The operation of punchboards and pull-tabs are subject to the
17 following conditions:

18 (a) Chances may only be sold to adults;

19 (b) The price of a single chance may not exceed (~~one~~) five
20 dollars;

1 (c) No punchboard or pull-tab license may award as a prize upon a
2 winning number or symbol being drawn the opportunity of taking a
3 chance upon any other punchboard or pull-tab;

4 (d) All prizes available to be won must be described on an
5 information flare. All merchandise prizes must be on display within
6 the immediate area of the premises in which any such punchboard or
7 pull-tab is located. Upon a winning number or symbol being drawn, a
8 merchandise prize must be immediately removed from the display and
9 awarded to the winner. All references to cash or merchandise prizes,
10 with a value over twenty dollars, must be removed immediately from
11 the information flare when won, or such omission shall be deemed a
12 fraud for the purposes of this chapter; and

13 (e) When any person wins money or merchandise from any punchboard
14 or pull-tab over an amount determined by the commission, every
15 licensee shall keep a public record of the award for at least ninety
16 days containing such information as the commission shall deem
17 necessary.

18 (3)(a) Taxation of bingo and raffles shall never be in an amount
19 greater than five percent of the gross receipts from a bingo game or
20 raffle less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes.

21 (b) Taxation of amusement games shall only be in an amount
22 sufficient to pay the actual costs of enforcement of the provisions
23 of this chapter by the county, city or town law enforcement agency
24 and in no event shall such taxation exceed two percent of the gross
25 receipts from the amusement game less the amount awarded as prizes.

26 (c) No tax shall be imposed under the authority of this chapter
27 on bingo or amusement games when such activities or any combination
28 thereof are conducted by any bona fide charitable or nonprofit
29 organization as defined in this chapter, which organization has no
30 paid operating or management personnel and has gross receipts from
31 bingo or amusement games, or a combination thereof, not exceeding
32 five thousand dollars per year, less the amount awarded as cash or
33 merchandise prizes.

34 (d) No tax shall be imposed on the first ten thousand dollars of
35 gross receipts less the amount awarded as cash or merchandise prizes
36 from raffles conducted by any bona fide charitable or nonprofit
37 organization as defined in this chapter.

38 (e) Taxation of punchboards and pull-tabs for bona fide
39 charitable or nonprofit organizations is based on gross receipts from
40 the operation of the games less the amount awarded as cash or

1 merchandise prizes, and shall not exceed a rate of ten percent. At
2 the option of the county, city-county, city, or town, the taxation of
3 punchboards and pull-tabs for commercial stimulant operators may be
4 based on gross receipts from the operation of the games, and may not
5 exceed a rate of five percent, or may be based on gross receipts from
6 the operation of the games less the amount awarded as cash or
7 merchandise prizes, and may not exceed a rate of ten percent.

8 (f) Taxation of social card games may not exceed twenty percent
9 of the gross revenue from such games.

10 (4) Taxes imposed under this chapter become a lien upon personal
11 and real property used in the gambling activity in the same manner as
12 provided for under RCW 84.60.010. The lien shall attach on the date
13 the tax becomes due and shall relate back and have priority against
14 real and personal property to the same extent as ad valorem taxes.

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